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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:00, 9:30,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Monday thru Friday:
8:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

Saturday:
8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday:
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage
Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Breeda Flynn and Jonathan
and Michael Burke

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Patrick Cunningham -- Birthday

9:30 a.m. Mary Ann Davis

11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Menchen and Donaghy Families

Monday, April 11, 2016

Feast of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Lina Ali Femia

12:00 noon Jack and Mollie O'Sullivan

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Marguerite V. Longinetti -- Birthday

12:00 noon Phyllis Sbordone

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Feast of St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Frank Leone

12:00 noon For the Deceased Members of the
Lonardo Family

Thursday, April 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Giorgio Cotza -- 4th Anniversary

12:00 noon Christina and John Jarmoszko

Friday, April 15, 2016

8:00 a.m. Aurora Mamaril -- 12th Anniversary

12:00 noon Christine Ragazzo

Saturday, April 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Brian and Bernadette Lawler -- Living

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Patrick O'Reilly -- Birthday

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Caruso and Verbene Families

11:00 a.m. Joseph Barberi -- 5th Anniversary

12:30 p.m. Conte Family, Daniel Fama,
Robert Brescia and Edward Makowski



Wedding Banns

II. Shawn Murphy and Laura Conway

II. Eduardo Marques and Julia Pinto

II. Emmanuel Lagoudakis and Rowan Yacoub

I. Frank J. Valoni III and Cindy M. Berisic

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 10th

Cub Scout Mass -- 9:30 a.m. -- Church

Cub Scout Chocolate Sale -- following all Masses

50th and 25th Anniversary Mass -- 12:30 p.m. -- Church

Fr. Joseph's Mass -- 5:00 p.m. -- Church

Reception -- following Mass -- lower Church

Tuesday, April 12th

4th Grade Cub Scouts -- 2:30 p.m. -- lower Church

Confirmation Practice -- 4:00 p.m. -- Church

Wednesday, April 13th

Senior Club -- following 12:00 noon Mass -- lower Church

R.E. Grades 1st through 5th -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. -- School

R.E. Grades 6th through 8th -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. -- School

Thursday, April 14th

Confirmation -- 5:00 p.m. -- Church

Friday, April 15th

4th Grade Girl Scouts -- 2:30 p.m. -- lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 9th

5:00 p.m. -- N. Camacho and D. Vanadia

Sunday, April 10th

8:00 a.m. -- C. Elias and R. Peter

9:30 a.m. -- E. Loughran and M. Loughran

11:00 a.m. -- B. Collins and R. Murphy

12:30 p.m. -- M. DiRosa and P. DiRosa

Saturday, April 16th

5:00 p.m. -- D. Reidy and P. Tozzi

Sunday, April 17th

8:00 a.m. -- S. Joyce and N. Leo

9:30 a.m. -- M. Barrett, D. Doran and J. Postighone

11:00 a.m. -- A. Burke and K. Burke

12:30 p.m. -- C. Maher and J. Velazquez

Enter Cub Scouts: This Sunday at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, our parish cub scouts will process at the beginning of Mass in uniform, carrying their banner. Also, Cub Scout Pack #46 is having a fundraiser to raise funds to help support the programs and activities for all the boys. So after all the Masses the scouts will be selling chocolates at the exits of the church. Please help support these youngsters!



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 10, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Our songs are punctuated with Alleluias, our heads sprinkled with Easter water. Our ministers wear the white of the resurrection, while lilies and other flowers fill our sanctuaries with the beauty of spring.

How rudely, then, does today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5:27-41) intrude on our season of joy! Acts, after all, is just what its title implies: a recounting of what happened in the earliest Christian communities between the death and resurrection of Jesus and the arrest of Paul some thirty years later.

These men and women are avowed followers of a convicted, executed criminal, who had aroused the animosity of prominent Jewish leaders. Why treat his followers differently? Yet, as we listen to the interrogation, we cannot help but notice that, despite accusations, imprisonments and floggings, the disciples "left the Sanhedrin full of joy." So Christian joy is something much different from transient giddy happiness; it does not free us from the cross and tomb, but allows us to look beyond them to Easter glory.

In our second reading (Rv. 5:11-14) St. John utters this same truth in his vision. Why do countless numbers praise the Lamb? Because he was slain but lives. Jesus is alive; our hope is vindicated. This is the real source of Christian consolation.

Lambs – and fish – fill the gospel (Jn. 21:1-19) too. In a slice of post resurrection life, we see the disciples back in their boats, frustrated after a fruitless night's work. Their willingness to take a "stranger's" suggestion results in tremendous success, followed by the shout of recognition, "It is the Lord!" Peter's impetuous swim and Jesus' thoughtful provision of a fire and a meal give this episode an endearing, human quality. The use of meals in post-resurrection appearances highlights the reality of the event for the disciples and the meaning of Eucharist: it is spiritual food to be shared with all who hunger.

SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK – Easter Week Three

Monday, April 11th – St. Stanislaus

Born in Poland in 1030, Stanislaus studied in Paris, was ordained a priest and eventually was named Archbishop of Cracow (the very same position Pope John Paul II held before he was elected Pope). Stanislaus was devoted to the poor – and when he confronted Poland's king for his sinful behavior, he was put to death.

Wednesday, April 13th – St. Martin I

Martin was a native of Italy who was elected Pope in 649 during a time of controversy over the nature of Christ.

The heresy he opposed was known as Monothelism – but it was just another variation of the confusion many had about the human and divine natures of Christ; and the Church today benefits from those who struggled and suffered in order to preserve orthodoxy.



The Meaning of the Easter Season: The word Easter, derived from Old English, means "to shine," especially to shine like the dawn, and suggests both an action and a beginning, a new day. Thus, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, speaking of Christ, uses easter as a verb in "The Wreck of the Deutschland": "Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east" Hopkins provides a helpful attitude or disposition for us as we enter into Easter Time, the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Although this liturgical time is considered one feast and is called the Great Sunday, we observe several significant moments. We begin with the robust return of the Alleluia, a song of joy and praise that Christ is risen; He has conquered death, and we delight in the full participation of those newly Baptized and Confirmed. Just as they need this liturgical time as a period of growth in their experience of the sacraments they have just received, we as a Church community need this liturgical time to deepen our understanding and participation in the Paschal Mystery.

The Sunday Liturgies can be a form of catechesis about the meaning of the Fifty Days for the entire community. The Easter symbols of the white vestments, the presence of the Paschal candle, and the use of holy water are tangible signs of Baptism and of the new life we celebrate.

The sheer scope of the liturgical time explains why we can't sustain the intense joy of Easter Sunday but, like the disciples, we too may experience doubt or fear as we realize with what we, as followers of Jesus, are charged. Fortunately, the Scripture readings during this special season guide and inspire us as we listen to accounts of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, his Ascension, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the growth of the early Church.



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,169 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8,404.00; average contribution: \$7.19. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

Easter Tradition – The Easter Egg: There is an ancient legend that on the first Good Friday Simon of Cyrene was in the marketplace in Jerusalem buying food for his family. He had purchased a basket of eggs when a Roman soldier ordered him to assist a man who was carrying a cross on his way to be crucified. Simon left his basket of eggs with the grocer and went to help. When they reached Golgotha the soldier pushed Simon away, but not before Jesus thanked him and promised He would give Simon a sign that He had risen.

Simon watched from a distance as Jesus died His agonizing death and all the next day Simon was haunted by the experience. Finally two days later, Simon remembered the eggs he had bought – and he rushed back to the marketplace. The grocer handed Simon his basket – and when he looked in it he saw that each of the eggs had changed. Some were brightly colored; others had beautiful designs on them. Simon remembered the Lord's promise – and he became a believer on the first Easter Sunday.

Golden Anniversary: Any couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year (2016) are asked to contact the rectory. They will be invited to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a special Mass. This year there will be two Masses for Golden Anniversary couples: Saturday, June 25th (at 1:30 p.m.) and Sunday, June 26th (at 2:00 p.m.) Pre-registration is absolutely necessary for Mass at the Cathedral so any couple that is celebrating 50 years of marriage should call the rectory by Friday, June 15th, at the latest.



H.N.S. Father/Son Basketball: Calling all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade boys to compete against their dads for "bragging rights." Please join us on Saturday, April 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the school gym. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes pizza, snacks, dessert and drinks. For more information call John Sanchez at 476-1776.

Local Theatre: (1) Archbishop Stepinac High School Drama Club is presenting the tri-state regional premiere of the Broadway hit, "Sister Act." Show dates are: April 29th, 30th, May 6th, 7th at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee on May 8th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22.00 for adults and \$18.00 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Major Bowes Award night will honor all Good Counsel Academy Alumnae at the April 30th performance. All religious sisters are invited to "Nun Night" on May 6th and can pre-order one complimentary ticket! For all ticket reservations please call 914-946-4800 ext. 200. For further information email theatre@stepinac.org. (2) Sacred Heart H.S. Drama Club presents the Tony Award winning musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie," on Friday and Saturday (April 22nd and 23rd) at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday (April 24th) at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 (Students and Seniors: \$8.00). For information call 965-6953.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Joseph S. Buttacavoli, Joseph Albert Cullen and Andrew Faustini who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



Honor Thy Mother: This year Mother's day falls on Sunday, May 8th. This is a day to honor all Mothers – living and dead. This is a day to express our thanks for all they have done for us. It is a day to tell them how much we love them and to ask for their prayers even as we assure them of ours. For those mothers who have gone before us into the fullness of life with God, we give thanks to God for them as we recall their memories this day. On Mother's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those mothers whose names are enrolled with us. Special Mother's Day cards and envelopes will be available starting next week at the exits of the Church or in the rectory office. Let us pray that Mary, the Mother of us all, will bless all mothers, especially expectant mothers.

Men's Weekend Retreat: All men (14 years of age or older) of our parish are invited to join us at the Bishop Molloy Passionist Retreat House on Friday, April 22nd through Sunday, April 24th 12 noon. The suggested fee is \$210 for the weekend which includes private room and board, presentations, group talks, etc. For information call the Retreat House at 718-739-1229 or Sal Razza at 914-969-1923.



Bingo: Adult bingo is back! The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting "Bingo Night" on Friday, May 6th in the lower Church. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.00 per person (18 yrs. and older) and includes 9 games with a jackpot. Early Bird Special (\$2.00 per game plus a 50/50) begins at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and snacks will be sold. For more information contact Robyne Liberatore at 914-325-6373.

Senior News: On Wednesday, April 20th all Senior Club Members are invited to a Pasta and Meatball luncheon with mini pastries and espresso coffee. Also in April, a trip is planned to the Westchester Broadway theatre for "Man of LaMancha". Come, join us. Contact Deacon Marty Olivieri at 914-423-4859 for information.

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Parish Lenten Program has come to an end. All Rice Bowl donations should be given in either cash or check made payable to: St. John the Baptist Church and on the memo line, write "2016 Operation Rice Bowl". Please place envelopes in the collection basket by next Sunday, April 15th.



Important Topic: St. Barnabas Parish Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a Panel Discussion on "End of Life Issues: Preparing for the Final Leg of Our Journey Home" on Saturday, April 23rd from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas' Elementary School Auditorium. Admission is free; all are welcome.

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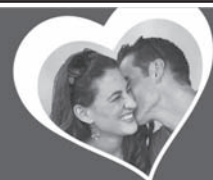
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